adhered to and the number of beneficiaries should not be reduced. The recommended norms for providing supplementary nutrition are as under:

(i) Children upto 6 years	300 calories & 10 grams of proteins
(ii) Pregnant & nursing women	500 calories & 15-20 grams of proteins
(iii) Severely malnourished child	600 calories & 20 grams of proteins

(e) No, Sir.

Closing down evening Law Colleges

5122. SHRI YADLAPATl VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether evening law colleges are proposed to be closed in the near future on the recommendations of the Bar Council of India;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) the opinion of the academicians in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Authors Guild of India and Indian Society of Authors

5123. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objects of Authors Guild of India and Indian Society of Authors;

(b) who are the secretaries and executives of these associations; and

(c) how much financial assistance has been given and the purpose thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The aims and objects of Authors Guild of India, *inter-alia,* are mainly to serve as a forum to discuss professional problems of Indian authors and to promote and protect their professional and economic interests.

The aims and objects of Indian Society of Authors are to promote activities

that would foster authorship and bring new wirters to the forefront and to organise literacy meetings, discourases, discussions, seminars and workshops.

(b) The Executive Committee of Authors Guild of India comprises of President: Shri T.N. Chaturvedi, Secretary-General : Dr. Rajendra Awasthy, Vice-President: Barrister J.C. Batra, and Treasurer : Dr Suresh Dhingra with Members Dr Sarojini Pritam, Dr. R.K. Seth, Dr Motilal Jotwani, Dr. H. Balasubramaniam, Shri CR Prabhaker, Shri Ram Prakash Gupta and Dr. Virendra Saxsena. While Secretary of Indian Society of Authors is Shrawan Kumar, its Executive Committee consists of President : Dr. K.P.A. Menon, Vice-President: Dr O.P Kejriwal and Shri N. Kunju, Secretary-General : Shri R.K. Murthy, Treasurer ; Shri Rajan Prasher and Joint Secretary : Shri Suresh Uniyal with Members Shri S.C. Maheswari, Shri K.R.K. Mohan, Shri Vedabhyas Kundu, Shri R.K. Bharati, Dr. V.V.B. Rama Rao, Dr S.K. Bhatia and Dr. R.P. Dua. Col. Goutam Sharma will be Founder patron with membership on the Executive Committee for life.

(c) During the last three years, the erstwhile Department of Education had granted Authors Guild of India financial assistance of Rs. 55,000/- for the purpose of organising a seminar on "Multi-Culturalism in Indian Literature" in 1997-1998, Rs. 88,000 for organising a seminar on "Advent of New Technology on Literature" in 1998-1999 and Rs. 85,237/- for organising a seminar on "the Author and his Commitment (to the society, region, nation, public interest and character building)" in 1999-2000 and Indian Society of Authors was given financial assistance of Rs. 66,291/- for organising a seminar on "History and Literature" in 1997-1998 and Rs. 90,000/- for organising a seminar on "Media and Literature" in 1999-2000.

Research Fellowship to SC/ST students

5124. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI **RAY: Will** the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission on awards large number of Senior Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships to students for carrying out higher studies such as M.Phil, and Ph. D. in various Universities;

(b) if so, the total number of students/scholars who have been awarded Senior Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships during the last